

Fair Political Practices Commission Memorandum

To: Chairman Randolph, Commissioners Blair, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy

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Subject: Legislative Report

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Bills continue to be introduced in the 2007-08 Legislative Session. Staff is pursuing authors for the Commission-sponsored legislative proposals that were approved at the December 2006 Commission meeting. The last day to introduce most bills this year without waiver of the rules is February 23, 2007.

Bills Amending the Political Reform Act		
Bill # (Author)	Title	Date Introduced/Amended

AB 65 (Dymally) PRA: legislative caucuses I-12/04/06

This bill would specify that a member of the Senate or Assembly may make payments of up to \$5,000 to each recognized Senate, Assembly, or Senate and Assembly caucus as expenditures associated with holding office. These expenditures would have to be reported to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, the Secretary of the Senate, or both by the following January 15. The bill would also prohibit a person from making, and a Senator or Assembly Member from receiving, a contribution of campaign funds intended for a caucus.

Status: Introduced in Assembly

AB 78 (Torrico) PRA: interest on campaign accounts I-12-04-06

This bill would require all committees regulated under the Political Reform Act (Act) to establish campaign accounts, report certain information on those accounts, and transfer the interest earned on the account to the State Treasury. The funds collected by the State Treasury on these accounts would be continuously appropriated to the commission for carrying out of its duties under the Act. This appropriation would be in addition to those appropriations already provided in the Act. The interest from accounts that relate to ballot measure campaigns would go into a sub-account to be spent solely for regulating ballot measure campaigns.

Status: Introduced in Assembly

SB 131 (Battin) PRA: conflicts of interest I-01-24-07

This bill makes technical changes to a section of the conflicts-of-interest provisions of the Political Reform Act. It appears to be a “spot” bill.¹

Status: Introduced in Senate

¹ A “spot” bill is a placeholder measure introduced in anticipation of substantive language that may later be amended into the bill.